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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Rule 53(b) Divisional Application of:

Kohshi YOSHIMURA et al.

Divisional of S.N. 09/512,655 filed February 24, 2000

Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Filed: Herewith

Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: **PROCESS FOR SURFACE TREATMENT OF HOLLOW WORK HAVING HOLE
COMMUNICATING WITH OUTSIDE AND RING-SHAPED BONDED MAGNET
PRODUCED BY THE PROCESS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 3, 2002

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 19 with the following rewritten
paragraph:

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This is a process which comprises sintering a required R-Fe-B based alloy and pulverizing
the sintered product again to produce a magnetic powder. For example, a starting material is a
powder which comprises ferroboron alloy containing electrolytically produced iron, boron, the